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Vrtiska and Chambers.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. First of all, I am totally in agreement with this, with this bill. I think truly that, you know, those that are mentally retarded do need to get some assistance there. But I would like to enter into a little bit of a dialogue with Senator Byars, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Byars, will you yield?

SENATOR BYARS: Yes, I would.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you. Is there any difference between mentally ill or mentally retarded?

SENATOR BYARS: Yes, there is.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: And this, this portion of it, just deals with the mentally retarded.

SENATOR BYARS: That is correct.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Okay, that...

SENATOR BYARS: Now there are situations where you'll see a dually-diagnosed individual that has both mental retardation and mental illness. This is not unusual. But this deals...the ICF could deal in a healthcare related situation with people with mental illness, but this deals strictly with mental retardation.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Mental retardation. And this is for less...more or less facilities to take care of this type of people?

SENATOR BYARS: That is correct.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: I truly agree with that portion of it. The thing that I have a little bit of a problem with is the diagnosis of the mentally retarded. Who would be the individual that would diagnose whether they are mentally retarded or